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Respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

Although it is too late for our companies survival, and Northstar Wind can no longer provide jobs to Americans, due to your inaction, perhaps the greater industry and survival of the whole can still be managed if you get up off your partisan positions and take the action you need to accomplish.

The PTC drives billions of dollars in private investment in homegrown American wind power each year.

I have seen wind farms revitalize the supply, manufacturing, and logistics industries and provide wages and jobs to my fellow Americans, including myself (currently unemployed).

I have seen wind farms revitalize communities – bringing in construction jobs at first, and maintenance jobs in the long term, and generating revenue for communities schools and hospitals over the lifetime of the project. Increasing the amount of power that our country gets from clean, homegrown, affordable resources is an excellent thing for us to do – and this tax credit provides an incentive for the wind industry to continue to do just that.

-I urge the committee to take up an extension of the wind energy production tax credit right away.